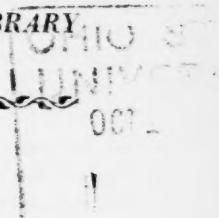


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THE INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

The Indiana State Library was created in 1825. Since 1925 control of the library has been vested in the Indiana Library and Historical Board. In 1933 the library moved into its present quarters, the State Library and Historical Building, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis 4.

Originally created for the use of state officials, the library since 1903 has served the entire state through loans to other libraries and direct loans to individuals in areas without local library service. In 1925 the State Library absorbed the Public Library Commission and has since served as the library extension agency of the state.

It is a depository for federal documents and for books in braille and talking book records. Its special collections include materials for genealogical research, the state archives, Indiana newspapers, and all types of material relating to Indiana.

Two other libraries are also housed in the same building: the Indiana Academy of Science library and the William Henry Smith Memorial Library of the Indiana Historical Society.

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I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. CONFERENCE

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

INDIANAPOLIS, OCTOBER 28-30, 1948

Thursday, October 28

- 10:30 A.M. I.L.A. Executive Board Meeting
- 11:00 A.M. Registration
- 2:30 P.M. First General Session
- 7:00 P.M. Second General Session
Dinner Meeting—Herman B Wells, speaker

Friday, October 29

- 11:00 A.M. I.L.T.A. Business Meeting
- 9:30-11:30 A.M. Special Libraries Round Table
Small Libraries Round Table
Large Libraries Round Table
- 12:00 Noon I.L.T.A. Luncheon
Junior Members Luncheon
- 1:15 P.M. I.L.A. Business Meeting
- 2:30 P.M. I.L.T.A. and I.L.A. Joint Business Meeting
- 8:00 P.M. Third General Session
Theme: Work with Children and Young People.

Saturday, October 30

- 8:00 A.M. Library School Breakfasts
- 9:30-11:30 A.M. College & University Round Table
School and Children's Work Round Table
County Libraries Round Table
- 12:00 Noon Luncheon—Indiana School Librarians Association

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would establish a territorial government, to be first governed by a governor and judges appointed by Congress. As the population increased representative government would be gradually introduced, and in the end states would be organized and admitted to the Union on an equal basis with the original thirteen states. The document setting forth this plan is called the Ordinance of the Northwest Territory.

Indiana Territory Created

The new government was inaugurated at Marietta, Ohio in 1786. In June of 1790 the territorial governor and two judges reached Vincennes and sat as a court and legislative body, marking the beginning of American civil government in Indiana. Knox County was created, including within its boundaries almost all of the present state of Indiana. Local officials were appointed and the first county court convened on July 7, 1790. Records of this first court are preserved in the Knox County Court House.

Under these favorable conditions, settlement in the Northwest increased rapidly. By 1800 the population of the western part was sufficient to warrant the creation of a new governmental unit called the Indiana Territory with the capital at Vincennes; William Henry Harrison became the first governor. On July 4, 1800 the territorial secretary John Gibson wrote on the first page of the huge record book that he had brought to Vincennes, "This day the government of the Indiana Territory commenced."

First General Assembly

The people of Indiana Territory were not content for long to be without a voice in their government. By 1804 there was considerable agitation for the introduction of representative government. A vote was taken and on ascertaining that a majority of the inhabitants favored the change, Governor Harrison issued a proclamation calling for an election of representatives to a territorial legislature. The first General Assembly

convened on July 29, 1805. A record of its proceedings has been preserved.

By 1815 the population of the Territory had reached 63,000 making it eligible for statehood. Upon petition to Congress, an Enabling Act was passed authorizing the inhabitants to "form for themselves a constitution and state government."

State Constitution Written

Delegates elected to frame a constitution met at Corydon on June 10, 1816. It took just 19 days to complete the job. Under the constitutional provisions the people went to the polls in August to elect for the first time their local officials, a representative to Congress, and a governor and lieutenant governor. The new governor, Jonathan Jennings, was inaugurated on November 7.

When Congress met in December, one of the first pieces of business was the admittance of the Indiana Territory into the Union as a state. This was done on December 11, the day we celebrate as the birthday of the state. Just a quarter of a century after American civil government was inaugurated in Indiana, full statehood had been achieved. The documents of this period show an increasing desire for self government and the willingness of the people to accept the responsibilities that go with it.

Documents Trace Peace and War

The first constitution remained in effect until 1851 when a new one was written that would more fully answer the needs of the growing state. In the interim between the first and second constitutions many important documents were penned to advance the welfare of the state.

Indiana has played her part, too, in the defense of the nation. The call to arms has always been answered by giving our best in manpower backed up by loyal support at home. The documents of war, like those of peace, are a part of the heritage of our great Hoosier state.

A.L.A. STRESSES WORLD ISSUES

Librarians who attended the A.L.A. Conference at Atlantic City June 13-19 came away with an increased awareness of their responsibility as guardians of the printed word in these times of doubt and confusion. In developing the theme "The Challenge of Public Affairs", speakers discussed democracy, censorship, intellectual freedom and other great issues facing the United States today.

Pearl Buck, Norman Cousins Speak

The conference opened and closed with two exceptionally outstanding speakers. Pearl Buck, author, and president, East-West Association, addressed the first general session Monday and Norman Cousins, editor, *Saturday Review of Literature*, spoke at the final session, Friday evening.

Mrs. Buck asserted that our democracy will perish unless the people are informed. To be informed they must have books. "Censorship," she said, "is the first step toward book banning and book banning is the first sign of dictatorship."

Cousins Asks World Government

"Our only hope for survival as a nation lies in the adoption of some form of world government backed by force," Norman Cousins stated. "The human race has exhausted its margin of error and one more mistake leading toward war may be the last," he said. "The United States must assume the leadership to create, enact, and enforce world law. Time is short and the decisions we as a nation must make are of utmost importance."

Mr. Cousins presented a vivid word picture of the Bikini atom bomb experiment which he termed an illustration of the "standardization of catastrophe." He offered a challenge to librarians in his assertion that the library must be a continuing university, utilizing to the utmost its facilities for education.

"We cannot have peace without leaders imbued with the spirit of knowledge and an understanding of world citizenship," Mr.

Cousins emphasized, "and the library must help to develop leaders."

Leigh on Censorship

Robert D. Leigh, director of the Public Library Inquiry, and Arthur E. Farmer, New York attorney, denounced book censorship in addresses at the second general session on Tuesday. Dr. Leigh pointed out the potential danger to freedom of expression in the controls and regulations imposed by the communications industries. It has become of critical importance that the great mechanisms of mass communication carry to the citizen a full and fair picture of the day's events and that persons with something worthwhile to say shall reach the public they deserve.

Mr. Farmer, who is legal adviser for the Book Publishers Council in the case of the book raids made in Philadelphia last March by local police, discussed that incident as an example of the dangers of group pressures applied to censorship.

"If we permit private pressure groups to act as censors, our democracy, as we know it, is through," he declared. "Many pressure groups in the United States—religious and anti-Semitic, to name but two—seek to ban all books inimical to the beliefs which they advocate."

Brandt Speaks to A.C.R.L.

Similar views were expressed by speakers at various A.L.A. division and committee meetings. Joseph Brandt, president of Henry Holt & Co., in a talk before the Association of College and Reference Libraries, also mentioned the threat to our liberties inherent in the Philadelphia booksellers case. "The librarian's task," he said, "is to keep the door shut against intolerance and open to wisdom. We must know the great issues of our day, provide books about them, bring this material to the attention of the public and maintain freedom of reading."

Public Libraries Division

Lyman Bryson, William Miller, Amy Loveman and Edward A. Wight represented

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the author, publisher, critic and librarian respectively in a symposium "Books in the Modern World" before the Public Libraries Division on Monday.

Dr. Bryson, an author who is also a member of the Columbia University faculty, described the two functions of the author as first; to preserve, sanctify, and illumine the values by which we live, and second; to create and to criticize new ideas and values worth having. It is important also that the author adhere strictly to the truth in the facts he presents, so that the truth as he sees it will fit the larger concept.

Mr. Miller, co-author with Thomas C. Cochran of *The Age of Enterprise*, outlined the publishers' responsibilities, emphasizing the importance of keeping open to the public what is perhaps the last avenue of free expression on a national scale.

Loveman Discusses Reviewing

Amy Loveman, associate editor, *Saturday Review of Literature*, discussed the trend toward specialization in book reviewing and the decline of true literary criticism. "Far too many masterpieces have been proclaimed in recent years and far too few have been written. Fiction suffers particularly from unwise enthusiasm in reviewing," she stated.

Mr. Wight, assistant director, Newark, New Jersey, Public Library, stressed the importance of giving our adult public the books they need when they need them. A book is useless unless it makes an impact upon the reader in terms of his own experience.

Youth and Public Affairs

The role of youth in public affairs was considered at meetings of the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People, and also at a preconference institute on children and reading.

Siri Andrews, children's book editor, Henry Holt & Co., predicted at the institute that books would be fewer in number and higher in price unless publishers are able

to curb the rapidly increasing costs of book manufacture. She expressed a need for more original manuscripts in the children's field, more prestige for children's books, and better book reviewing.

Eugene Gilbert, head of Gilbert Youth Research, at a meeting of the Young People's Reading Round Table on Monday, urged librarians to make every effort to interest teen-agers in books which will increase their understanding of national and international problems. Brooks Emeny, director of the Foreign Policy Association, discussed at the Division's general session on Tuesday the challenge that disturbing world conditions present to youth. Virginia Kirkus, director of the Kirkus Bookshop Service, commended librarians for their efforts to bridge the gap between children's and adult's reading through specially selected books for young people.

Intellectual Freedom Upheld

The Council at its June 18 session adopted a revision of the Bill of Rights for Libraries and a resolution condemning loyalty investigations in libraries. The new Bill of Rights is quoted in full elsewhere in this issue. The loyalty resolution asserted that librarians must have the freedom "to devote themselves to the practice of their profession without fear of interference or of dismissal for political, religious, or racial reasons." In taking this action the A.L.A. went on record protesting investigations which, "seemingly harmless in themselves, are symptomatic of a dangerous tendency requiring conformity in the thinking of public employees."

David K. Berninghausen, librarian of Cooper Union, New York, and chairman of the A.L.A. Committee on Intellectual Freedom, reported that committees on intellectual freedom have been formed in seventeen states. These groups are designed to protect libraries against censorship and to investigate any case of library censorship within a state. Mr. Berninghausen urged that such committees be formed in all states.

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Professional Goals

Problems within the profession were brought out by President-Elect E. W. McDairmid in his inaugural address at the last general session. The goals for A.L.A. as he outlined them for the coming year are fourfold: (1) to strengthen the A.L.A. organization, (2) to obtain more adequate personnel, (3) to strengthen and improve library education, (4) to obtain adequate finances for the Association. A crusade for an educated America should be the Association's program. "It is only through a stronger library association that the four-year goals adopted at the Midwinter Conference can be attained," he said.

Recruiting

The Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career held an all day meeting Sunday June 13 to consider ways and means to further its recruiting program. Representatives of the committee made brief reports at a number of group meetings during the week.

The committee has recently published a four page leaflet on recruiting. Its other activities include cooperation with the National Vocational Guidance Association, sponsorship of poster contests to interest young people in librarianship, cooperation with state and regional library associations in recruiting projects and participation on programs of member groups within the A.L.A. State library associations are urged to appoint recruiting committees and to report their activities to the Joint Committee.

A.C.R.L. Recruiting Bulletin

The A.C.R.L. devoted one general session to the problems of recruiting. The group recommended that more adequate and extensive recruiting literature be prepared and that more articles be published in periodicals outside the library field. A.C.R.L. is sponsoring the publication of a recruiting bulletin for use in colleges.

Library Salaries

The question of salaries was discussed on various occasions in connection with recruiting and personnel. Edward B. Stanford, assistant librarian, University of Minnesota, chairman of the Board on Personnel Administration, told his audience at an open meeting of the Board that community leaders and library trustees must be made to appreciate the critical need for higher salaries for all library personnel if we are to recruit the thousands of librarians needed. An effective public relations program is an important means toward this end.

Charles R. Flack, professor of Library Science, State Teachers College, Clarion, Pennsylvania, at a meeting of the Teacher Training Institutions Section of A.C.R.L., presented a challenge to trustees when he asserted that too few library boards are endeavoring to meet the salaries paid in other professions.

Library Education

The Library Education Division's open meeting was developed around the theme of the relationship between professional training and field work in libraries. Walter T. Brahm, director, Ohio State Library, discussed some of the problems of the small library and the qualifications its administrator should have. He urged that library schools place increased emphasis upon small library administration with service in the field as part of their curricula.

Alice Dunlap, director of the training class, Cincinnati Public Library, in a talk on training within the staff, recommended that libraries employ personnel directors whenever possible. She outlined procedures for on-the-job instruction which would give a careful explanation of each position, its duties and responsibilities. This instruction, Miss Dunlap feels, should be given to older members of the staff as well as to new employees, both professional and clerical.

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Library Extension

The Library Extension Division held two open meetings and two business sessions. Raymond C. Lindquist, librarian, Cuyahoga County Library, Cleveland, Ohio, presided at a general session held jointly with the Rural Sociological Society Tuesday afternoon.

The County and Regional Libraries section considered "Goals to Go in the Extension Game" at a panel discussion Thursday. Progress and problems of some of the southern states were presented with Lucile Nix, director, Rural Public Library Service, Atlanta, Georgia, leading the panel. The discussion at the State Agency section's business meeting, and in the other sessions as well, centered around activities and accomplishments of the states, particularly those which have recently obtained state aid.

Institute on Legislation

A preconference institute on library legislation sponsored by the Federal Relations Committee, the Library Extension Division and Board, and the Library Legislation Committee was held at the New Jersey College for Women, New Brunswick, June 10 to 12.

Social legislation was the subject of a panel discussion on legislative trends Friday morning June 11, conducted by Bernard Locker, executive director, Social Legislation Information Service. Particular attention was paid to the federal aid to education bills and to the library demonstration bill. A symposium on the tax basis for public libraries also held that morning emphasized the importance of specific appropriations for public libraries from public funds. The symposium was led by John B. Kaiser, director, Newark Public Library.

Group discussions Friday afternoon concerned state aid, certification laws and legislation toward larger units of service. Representatives of various state extension agencies described legislative activities in their respective states.

Louis G. Nourse, assistant librarian, St.

Louis Public Library, talked on procedures for drafting a bill at the Saturday morning session. He stressed study by library groups of the factors involved in preparing a bill. For example, local conditions regarding public funds, existing laws, and the attitude of legislators toward the library should be considered. Donald Axelrod, former research director, New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Legislative Procedure, speaking on the same topic, advised that the actual drafting of the bill be done by an expert in the field.

Floyd M. Riddick, Senate editor, *Congressional Daily Digest*, discussed the fundamentals of legislative procedure. He traced a typical bill through Congress, outlining the steps involved before proposed legislation can become law. His talk, illustrated with motion picture slides, concluded the Saturday morning program.

Paul Howard, director of the A.L.A. National Relations office, led a panel discussion Saturday afternoon on building support for a legislative campaign. He suggested four essential steps which might be followed: (1) establishing the organization, (2) use of publicity media, (3) cooperation with civic groups, (4) individual, personal contacts.

A.L.A. Constitution and By-laws

A revision of the by-laws affecting individual membership dues was voted at the general session on Thursday. The new scale will provide for three classes of dues: \$3 for members whose salaries are \$2100 or less; \$6 for those \$2100-\$4000; \$10 for those \$4100 or over. This plan will go into effect in January, 1949. Members paying dues after September, 1948, however, may have their dues credited for 1949 on the new scale.

It was also voted that beginning in 1949 the *A.L.A. Handbook* will be offered for sale. Heretofore it has been distributed to members as a number of the *A.L.A. Bulletin*.

STATE LIBRARY SERVICE TO THE BLIND

By MARGARET CASEY, Librarian,
Service for the Blind, Indiana State Library

I remember when I visited the State Library several years ago and first saw the sign "Service for the Blind" pointing down the hall. Following the sign I walked into a large room with desks, books and reading tables, but no one was reading there. The only thing indicative of Service for the Blind was several shelves of Braille books all volume one, and one or two people working with folders and cards. Any of our visitors today might be as little impressed as I was on my first visit; yet, every month no less than 388 volumes of Braille books and 1,884 containers of talking book records reach 650 blind people in Indiana.

Braille Service Begun in 1905

The Braille Department had its beginning in 1905 when the Indiana State Library received a gift of 200 volumes of embossed (raised) types. Since then the collection has grown until at the end of 1947 it numbered 12,061 embossed volumes. A few of these are in Moon and New York point type, earlier systems of reading which some of the older generation learned years ago. The standard embossed type in use for the blind now is Braille. This system was invented and published by Louis Braille, a Frenchman, in 1829. It is comprised of signs formed by the use of all the possible combinations of six raised dots, and is printed in four grades.

Grade one is a word-for-word transcription rarely used; grade one-and-one-half includes a moderate number of contractions; grade two has still more contractions; grade three is similar to shorthand and not practicable for general use.

Junior League Sponsors Project

Many of the volumes in the State Library are in grade one-and-one-half Braille which have been hand transcribed by W.P.A. and volunteer workers. The Indianapolis Junior

League Braille transcribing classes under the direction of Mrs. Norman Perry, chairman, provide many of the books in this collection. This group has been active since 1926, and has made an invaluable contribution to the library's work with the blind throughout the state. Last winter 17 Junior League members and 26 community women took part in these transcribing classes taught by Mrs. Eva Herkamp, a blind woman.

Within the last few months the group has given the following transcribed books to the library for binding:

Robinson, *Greylock and the Robbins*, 1 volume (juvenile); Burnet, *The Pool*, 1 volume (romance); Dick, *Ghost and Mrs. Muir*, 3 volumes (romance); Kendrick, *The Rubber Band*, 4 volumes (mystery). Other titles in preparation include *Rabbit Hill*, *Bambi*, *Happy Jack*, *Animal Farm*, *They Came from Scotland*, and *Hiroshima*. We have already had many requests for the latter.

Juvenile Books Transcribed

The hand transcribed books are designed for groups of people who might not otherwise have adequate reading material. School children depend on the library for their summer reading. Inasmuch as the program for the blind sponsored by the Library of Congress is an adult reading program, very little material suitable for children would be available. Moreover, the children rarely learn grade two Braille until the 5th or 6th year at school. So the Braille transcribers regularly furnish a great many juvenile books for the children's summer reading. Since some older readers never master grade two, their needs are also considered in choosing books for transcribing. Books of adventure and light fiction for adult recreational reading are included in the volumes prepared by the Junior League.

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One might wonder what our more mature patrons like to read in Braille. Not long ago a young man wrote for some books saying he would like some recent fiction just like his sighted friends were reading and talking about. Books of this sort are obtained from the Library of Congress as a part of its nation-wide service to the blind. Recently we have received *Kingsblood Royal*, *The Chequer Board*, *Big Sky* and *Peace of Mind* along with books of history, travel and biography. These are machine pressed books in grade two Braille.

Periodicals in Braille

The library also receives nearly fifty periodicals in Braille. Perhaps the most popular, *Reader's Digest*, requires four large volumes when transcribed in Braille. Other magazines are devoted to current events, science, music, religion, household helps. For children especially there are *Wee Wisdom* and *Jack and Jill*.

A group of religious books known as the Margaret Ridgely Memorial collection is housed in the State Library. These are the property of Christ Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, and are loaned to any readers of embossed type, since the church has no facilities for circulating them. New books are added to this collection from time to time. The latest accession was Douglas's *The Robe*.

Talking Books Also Provided

It has been estimated that only one-fourth of the blind people learn to read Braille. Therefore, it was a great blessing when talking books became available in 1934.

The talking book machine, manufactured by the U. S. government, is a modified phonograph whose turntable revolves at a low rate of speed. It uses twelve inch discs which play from 15 to 20 minutes each side. They are very similar to our commercial records. The federal government will provide a machine for any blind person who is not financially able to purchase one. In Indiana the machines are distributed by the

Board of Industrial Aid for the Blind in Indianapolis.

The talking books circulate from the library just as print or Braille books. An average length book usually is read on 15 to 18 records all in one container, while longer books such as *Gone With the Wind* require 80 records, in four containers of 20 records each. Our longest talking book is Tolstoi's *War and Peace* recorded in 119 records. Some of our latest talking book titles have been *Three Came Home*, *Mrs. Mike*, *The Walls of Jericho*, and *Green Laurels*. The books are read in conversational style by professional readers.

Patrons Served by Mail

Very few of our patrons come to the library to receive their Braille books and talking book records. For this reason most of our circulation is carried on through the mails. Books for the blind are sent postage free, and with each book is a return label so that returning books is made as easy as possible for the blind reader.

Many of our blind readers do not choose their books themselves, but depend on the librarian to do this service according to records we have of our readers' literary tastes. We keep a record of all books sent to each patron, so that a reader very seldom receives a book he has already had. For those who wish to select their own reading we supply book lists, and reviews of the current releases are sent to each patron quarterly from the American Foundation for the Blind.

Library of Congress Service

The Indiana State Library is one of 27 regional libraries which distribute the books for the blind provided by the Library of Congress. The appropriation of \$500,000 in 1944 to ". . . provide books published either in raised characters, on sound-reproduction records, or in any other form . . ." for blind readers was raised in 1946 to \$1,125,000. Since that time Indiana has received 85 new model talking book machines.

"FREE LIBRARIES DESERVE BETTER SUPPORT"

An Editorial Appearing in the *Saturday Evening Post*, August 9, 1948.

"Those who attended the conference of librarians at Atlantic City recently, learned that 70,000,000 of our fellow citizens have no adequate public-library facilities. In rural areas alone, 35,000,000 do not have access to public libraries.

Perhaps it would be difficult to satisfy a convention of librarians on the matter of adequacy in libraries, and "access" does not include walks of three miles to get a book, such as young Abe Lincoln was willing to undertake. Nevertheless, fifty-two cents per capita on our free libraries seems far too little, even if one does not go along with the authorities who tell us that the minimum should be nearly three times that amount. To make matters worse, the cost of new books—especially solid books, devoted to the arts and sciences—has been zooming

upward like everything else. These circumstances should inspire civic bodies to do everything in their power to add to the number and usefulness of local free libraries.

The conference went on record as favoring a minimum-salary schedule for trained librarians, starting at \$2800 a year. At present, salaries run as low as \$1200 per annum, which is absurdly low in view of the technical training and general education a librarian must have. To give its full service in research and aid to industries, schools, civic organizations and mere individuals, a library needs a trained staff. The public library is no longer a warehouse for books; it is a continuing and vital service."

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MICROCARD REPRODUCTION NEW TECHNICAL PROCESS

A new development in library techniques is the use of microcards for the reproduction of books, pamphlets and scholarly materials. It is a standard size catalogue card bearing not only the customary catalog entry but also the complete text of the book itself. Thus a micro-text and a centralized cataloging of it are combined in one unit. Between 30 and 200 pages of text can be reproduced on one card. Two reading devices have been developed, a "reader" which gives 24 power magnification and a "scrutinizer". The latter is not a machine like the "reader" which throws a magnified image upon a translucent screen, but is a direct viewing, single eye, relatively low power microscope.

The project was inaugurated under the sponsorship of the Microcard Committee, a joint body of representatives from all major library associations. At present five publishers—Microcard Foundation, Barnes and Noble, H. W. Wilson Company, Matthew Bender & Company and the American Council of Learned Societies—are cooperating to issue microcards in 18 subject fields. The selection of specific titles in a given field for microcarding will be left largely to the purchaser. The price of cards will vary according to the character of the material and the way in which they are ordered. The cards may be available in quantities for as little as 20 cents each.

Inquiries may be addressed to Fremont Rider, Microcard Foundation, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

SLA LOOKS TOWARD THE FUTURE

By MARGARET DONNELL, Chief,
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The 1948 annual convention of Special Libraries Association was held in Washington, D. C., June 6-12. The theme for this conference was "Future Indicative" with the emphasis on finding facts for future utilization in the many varied special subject fields represented in the Association.

Most of the meetings were small group gatherings, often with visits to libraries in and around Washington. Here are the highlights of a few meetings.

Government Printing Office

A trip through the Government Printing Office gave an interesting glimpse into the tremendous activity and volume of work being carried on there. This office occupies 33 acres of floor space in four buildings. There are 7000 persons employed in three shifts. Every effort is being made to facilitate and to improve the service to depository libraries. We were told that the *Congressional Record* is usually off the presses at the Government Printing Office within 12 hours after a session closes.

Army Medical Library

The Army Medical Library, which originated in the Surgeon General's Office more than 100 years ago, collects and preserves medical literature of the world. Microfilms and photostats are available for loan. Plans for the future include a bibliographical program which should be of great value. The library museum across the street contains much interesting material including portraits and caricatures which may be available for loan at a later date. These might make exceedingly interesting exhibits.

The Department of Agriculture Library is a fine working, technical library. It covers such varied activities and organizations as Commodity Credit Corporation, Rural Electrification Administration and Farm Credit Administration. Research is always being

carried on in a number of technical subjects. The bibliographical work of the library is outstanding. At present emphasis seems to be on mechanical devices which will save time. We saw, although not in operation, the rapid selector which will make it possible to use *Chemical Abstracts* with greater facility and to separate and microfilm or photostat material relating to one subject readily and rapidly.

Army Map Service

A trip to the Army Map Service was very interesting. The primary object of this service is to provide the military with adequate maps. We saw how the maps are made from the beginning to end and also how experiments are carried out with relief maps in plastics. A trip to this library is reassuring in that one sees how effectively and how carefully maps are collected and made.

From these examples it is easy to see how the governmental libraries at least have taken "future indicative" as their motto.

Daniels Makes Address

Guest speakers at dinners and luncheons were Jonathan Daniels, the well known journalist, Olive Clapper and Howland H. Sargeant. Mr. Daniels spoke on the "Frontier on the Potomac." He believes that the United States is now the frontier and that it is our responsibility and challenge to accept that fact. He believes that just as the South has always been a region of conflict and yet has continued to make progress toward the solution of its problems, so is it possible that the United States and Russia may find a solution to their conflicts.

Mrs. Clapper, widow of Raymond Clapper, the radio commentator, spoke interestingly of the "Washington Tapestry" and of the personalities and activities of our capitol.

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I. L. A. POSTER CONTEST

The deadline for entering posters in the contest sponsored by the I.L.A. Exhibits Committee has been advanced to October 1, Lois Ringo, Anderson Public Library, chairman of the committee, announces. Awards will be made at the fall I.L.A. Conference for the best posters submitted by art departments of Indiana public schools. Entries may be sent to Marjorie Dobson, Prospect Branch Library, 1125 Spruce Street, Indianapolis 3, Indiana.

S.L.A. CONFERENCE

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Mr. Sergeant, of the Department of State, told of the role of the State Department Library in the Department's foreign information program.

One of the most stimulating programs of the conference was the group relations meeting at which Ruth Savord, librarian of the Council on Foreign Relations, spoke on the interrelationship of chapters and groups of the S.L.A. Miss Savord believes that the groups should be more clearly defined. She suggests that certain form groups might be a solution. For instance, there might be a Business Group with sections on advertising, business economics, finance, insurance, and transportation; a Museum Group with sections on art, science museums and historical societies; a Printing and Publishing Group with sections on newspapers, periodicals and books; a Science-Technology Group with sections on biological science, chemistry, hospital or medical, petroleum, pharmaceutical; a Social Science Group with sections on social science, political science, economic theory. In this way overall interests could be centered in the larger group with specific interests in the section. Thus some overlapping of activities would be eliminated and the Special Libraries Association would function more and more effectively.

REVISED CERTIFICATION PAMPHLET PUBLISHED

The Indiana Library Certification Board has recently issued a revised edition of its "publication number one," Official Rules and Regulations Concerning Certification and Appointment of Librarians in Public Libraries in Indiana. Copies have been distributed to all public libraries in the state.

The original publication summarizing the certification requirements has been expanded and brought up to date in this new 14 page, mimeographed bulletin. Many rules governing the operation of the Certification Board, heretofore available only in the official Board minutes, have been included. The qualifications for each grade of service are outlined in detail and the text of the certification law is given in full.

A useful feature of the bulletin is the list of definitions of terms regarding position, training, and accreditation of colleges, as adopted by the Board. One important change in the rules has been incorporated in this revision; i. e., the fees for temporary certificates, for their renewal and for certificates of higher grades when qualifications have been met have been set at \$2.00 instead of \$1.00, in accordance with a ruling of the Attorney General of Indiana. The fee for permanent certificates remains \$2.00.

The Board is at present working on a revision of the certification plan with the aim of reducing the number of certificates and simplifying the plan. A representative group of librarians have been asked to criticize it and submit suggestions to the Board on points in need of clarification or change.

Indiana librarians are urged to study this new certification bulletin and to call it to the attention of library trustees. Additional copies are available at the Indiana State Library. Any questions regarding certification may be addressed to the Library Certification Board, Indiana State Library.

LIBRARIANS DISCUSS ACTION PROGRAM

Approximately 475 librarians and 160 library trustees attended the ten district meetings held in May and June in ten Indiana cities.

Although the programs varied somewhat in details, the general scope was the same throughout—library planning, including income and salaries, county extension, and recruiting; certification; conversion to the 1947 Library Law. The meetings were conducted by Hazel B. Warren, chief, Extension Division, Indiana State Library, with a general discussion period at each conference. Harold F. Brigham, State Library director, spoke at seven of the meetings.

The principal speaker at all meetings was Margaret A. Hager, librarian, LaPorte, and chairman of the I.L.A. Library Action Committee, who presented a state program of library action as it is being developed by the committee. Miss Hager emphasized recruiting, increased library income, extension of library service to unserved areas and increased trustee participation.

Mrs. Harriet E. Bard, librarian, Richmond, discussed problems relating to the certification law at six meetings. Mrs. Bard is chairman of the Library Certification Board. "The candidate for a library position must meet the certification requirements," Mrs. Bard stated. "The law was not intended to be interpreted to accommodate individual candidates or individual libraries.

Its purpose is to strengthen Indiana libraries by raising standards through the enforcement of minimum requirements." Mrs. Ernest Carpenter of the Goshen Library Board, also a member of the Certification Board, represented the Board at the East Chicago meeting.

Elsa Strassweg, New Albany librarian and Indiana representative on the A.L.A. Membership Committee, spoke at the conferences at Corydon and Batesville. She urged all Indiana librarians and trustees to affiliate with the national association.

Luncheons were held in connection with each meeting with the local library staff members acting as hostesses. Short musical programs and talks by local civic leaders were given at some of the luncheons.

The core of the discussions at this year's meetings can be summarized by "either—or." The library will serve either an entire community or a few citizens; it will be either an educational force in the community or only a "place of amusement"; it will have a truly competent staff or one which barely meets minimum requirements; it will have an attractive, well equipped building or just the opposite; it will have an adequate budget to meet the demands for service or it will limp along on the same old financial basis. Every library and every library board has these choices to make.

ATTENDANCE

		Librarians	Trustees
May 4	Spencer	30	14
May 6	Vincennes	62	12
May 11	Corydon	24	8
May 13	Batesville	60	17
May 18	Ft. Wayne	120	22
May 20	Elwood	40	12
May 25	Attica	50	14
May 27	East Chicago	70	5
June 2	Lebanon	60	40
June 4	Rochester	60	17
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CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors who had reserved space for the I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. Conference, October 28 to 30, prior to August 1 are announced by Harold J. Sander, exhibit manager. Reservations from additional firms are expected. Ruth A. Bean, president of I.L.A., is in charge of general arrangements for the conference which will be held at the Hotel Lincoln in Indianapolis.

Publishers and other exhibitors with their representatives are:

Americana Corporation, M. C. Darnall
National Library Bindery, Oscar Schnabel
Sturgis Printing Co., Mildred Walker Adams

and Vern T. Adams

Stewart's Inc., Mrs. Dorothy Goodrich

Doubleday & Co. Inc., Glenn O. Simpson

New Method Book Bindery, Fred Lynn

F. E. Compton & Co., Bess C. Vandivier

Indiana Visual Aids Co., Inc., M. L. Stoepelwerth

Heckman Bindery, R. Paul Baker and Ernest Marshall

Gaylor Bros. Inc., Milton Park

Albert Whitman Co., E. J. Wambach

Jean Karr & Co., Braden Caldwell

Beckley Cardy Co., Arthur C. Gau

Macmillan Co., John L. Sullivan

Remington Rand Inc., Claude Klein

Indiana News Co., Pauline Lenz

A.L.A. REELECTS BRIGHAM

Harold F. Brigham, director of the Indiana State Library, was reelected treasurer of the American Library Association at the Association's conference in June. Mr. Brigham has also served as interim executive secretary of the A.L.A. from the time of Carl H. Milam's resignation in May until September first when the new executive secretary, John M. Cory, took office.

Other newly elected officers are: president, Errett W. McDairmid, University of Minnesota, Division of Library Instruction, president-elect and first vice president, Milton E. Lord, Boston Public Library; second vice-president, Mrs. Leota Dawson Fyan, Michigan State Library.

The Executive Board of the Association includes the president, vice presidents, retiring president, treasurer and eight other members. They are: John S. Richards, Seattle Public Library; Edgar S. Robinson, Public Library, Vancouver, B.C., Jasmine Britton, City Schools Library, Los Angeles; Ralph E. Ellsworth, State University of Iowa Libraries; Mabel L. Conat, Detroit Public Library; Helen M. Harris, Lawson McGhee Library, Knoxville, Tennessee; Ralph M. Dunbar, Library Service Division, U.S. Office of Education; Nell A. Unger, Library Association, Portland, Ore.

AN OBLIGATION OF GOVERNMENT

"Tax supported free libraries being an essential part of the state educational system, good library service for all the people is an obligation of government. The 1947 Republican Legislature enacted a new library law to codify numerous conflicting statutes. As more than 20% of Indiana's population is without local library service and many established libraries are inadequately supported, the Republican Party endorses the following program for our public libraries:

Establishment of library service in unserved areas.

Adequate salaries for librarians.

Reasonable state aid for the improvement of local library service.

The American form of government and way of life are safest in the hands of an educated and enlightened citizenry and we will unceasingly and generously strive to safeguard and improve the educational system of Indiana in every practical way."

—From the Republican State Platform of Indiana, 1948. A portion of the Education Plank, drafted by Paul R. Benson, trustee, New Castle-Henry County Library and member, Platform Advisory Committee.

A.L.A. PRESENTS AWARDS

William Pène du Bois was awarded the Newbery Medal at the A.L.A. Conference in Atlantic City for his *Twenty-One Balloons*, chosen as the most distinguished children's book of 1947. The Caldecott Medal for the year's most outstanding picture book for children was given to Roger Duvoisin for his work as illustrator of *White Snow, Bright Snow*.

Winners of these two medals were selected by the Children's Library Association of A.L.A. They were presented at a dinner meeting June 15 by Frederick G. Melcher, editor of *Publishers' Weekly* and donor of the medals.

Milam Honored

Several other annual awards were made at the Conference. Carl H. Milam, formerly executive secretary of the A.L.A. and now director of libraries of the United Nations was presented the Joseph W. Lippincott award for the most distinguished service in the advancement of librarianship during the year.

Letter Magazine Award

The *Letter Magazine* award for "an outstanding demonstration of the human qualities of librarianship" was given to Mrs. Alison B. Alessios, Brooklyn, New York, retired. She was for many years in charge of the Library for the Blind, New York Public Library.

Citations for the most outstanding contributions to library service made by library trustees were presented to Thomas J. Porro, Tacoma, Washington, and Emma Baldwin, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey.

Dana Publicity Prizes

The John Cotton Dana publicity awards were granted to the ten libraries in the U.S., Hawaii and Alaska submitting the most outstanding publicity scrapbooks.

Olean Public Library, Olean, New York, won first place among public libraries in communities with population of less than 25,000 and Ketchikan, Alaska, Public

Library won honorable mention in the same group. In cities with populations of 25,000 to 100,000 Glendale, California, Public Library was given first place and Fitchburg, Massachusetts, honorable mention. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Public Library won first place among libraries in communities of 100,000 to 200,000 population and Denver, Colorado, Public Library was first in the group of public libraries in cities of over 200,000.

Other publicity awards went to Everett High School Library, Everett, Washington; Kent State University Library, Kent, Ohio; Atlas Powder Company Library, Wilmington Delaware, and the Library of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii. Benjamin Fine, education editor of the *New York Times*, presented these awards. The contest is sponsored annually by the *Wilson Library Bulletin* and the A.L.A. Public Relations Committee.

I. U. OPENS RADIO SERIES

The Indiana University radio series, "Indiana School of the Sky", will start October 4, George C. Johnson, director, Radio Education Programs at the University has announced.

The "School of the Sky" is designed primarily for school use, but it is also of interest to adults. Many parents commented enthusiastically about the 1947-48 programs, Mr. Johnson reports. The broadcasts will be given five days a week for 26 weeks according to the following schedule: books, Mondays, grades 4-8; music, Tuesdays, grades 6-10; history, Wednesdays, grades 6-10; science, Thursdays, high school; guidance, Fridays, high school.

Parents and educators who wish further information about these programs and the Indiana stations which will carry them are asked to write to Mr. Johnson at Indiana University, Department of Radio, Bloomington.

NEW BOOKS PUBLISHED

Among new H. W. Wilson Company titles *The Library Broadcasts*, by Frances G. Nunmaker (\$2.25) is of particular interest to all libraries. Miss Nunmaker, publicity director of Ohio State Library, discusses the use made of radio in various libraries, gives suggestions for writing and for obtaining scripts and outlines radio station policies. An appendix includes eight radio scripts presented by libraries.

Gertrude Forrester's *Occupational Pamphlets: an Annotated Bibliography* (\$2.50) is a guide to currently available pamphlets in the vocational field. It is an up-to-date and considerably enlarged edition of her 1946 volume, *Occupations: a Selected List of Pamphlets*. The author is head counselor, West Side High School, Newark, New Jersey.

Recent A.L.A. publications especially useful for public libraries include *Periodicals for Small and Medium-Sized Libraries*, 8th edition; *By Way of Introduction*, edited by Frances Grim, 2d edition, (\$1.25); and *A History of Libraries in Great Britain and North America*, by Albert Predeck, (\$3.25). The periodicals list, published June 1, 1948, is a completely new edition which lists and annotates recommended periodicals. The revision of *By Way of Introduction* brings up to date a useful recreational reading list for young people. It is compiled under the supervision of a joint committee of the A.L.A.-N.E.A. and the National Council of Teachers of English.

Although it is not in the category of professional literature, librarians of both school and public libraries will not want to overlook the U. S. Office of Education pamphlet, *What School or College*. This four page leaflet covers the entire field of vocational education, colleges, high schools, trade and correspondence schools. Copies may be obtained by requesting miscellaneous pamphlet 3276 from Information and Publications Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D.C.

SUMMER SCHOOL HELD

Librarians from nine Indiana public libraries attended the 1948 Indiana University eight weeks summer session in library science providing minimum training to meet the state certification requirements for public libraries. This nine hour course was comparable to that formerly offered by the Indiana State Library. It was given as part of the larger, 18 hour, training program for school and public library work.

Margaret I. Rufsvold, associate professor of library science, was in charge of the summer school. Instructors who assisted her were Mrs. LaVerne Walther, Maysel Baker and Bertha Ashby. Miss Ashby is librarian of the Bloomington Public Library. Among guest lecturers were Hazel B. Warren, chief, Extension Division, Indiana State Library, Robert A. Miller, director, Indiana University Libraries and Harold F. Brigham, director, Indiana State Library.

Students enrolled in the public library minimum training course were: Bertha C. Heller, Decatur; Patricia Gertrude Hill, Madison; Mrs. Mary Koon, Fort Wayne; Maude McMahon, Brownstown; Mrs. Ruth Medsker, Waterloo; Mrs. Julia Milne, Frankfort; Betty Jane Montgomery, Fort Wayne; Martha C. Severin, New Albany; Mrs. Kathryn Shope, Flora; Julia Sloan, Gary; and Oscar Everhart, Momence, Illinois.

S. L. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Indiana chapter of Special Libraries Association announces its officers for 1948-49 elected at the chapter's May meeting.

President: Judith Sollenberger, Indianapolis Public Library.

Vice President and Director-at-Large: Martha E. Schaaf, Librarian, Business Services, Eli Lilly and Company.

Secretary: Frances Arbogast, Librarian, Citizens Gas and Coke Utility, Indianapolis.

Treasurer: Florence R. McMasters, Librarian, Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis Division.

CERTIFICATION EXAM GIVEN TO FIFTEEN

Fifteen librarians took the Indiana Certification Board examination given at the Indiana State Library June 7 and 8.

This examination was offered for librarians with some experience who sought to meet the minimum training requirements of the certification law by examination rather than by enrolling in the Indiana University minimum training course. The Board will accept for certification those persons making a passing grade on the examination. Others will need to complete the minimum training course for certification. The examination covered library administration, cataloging, book selection, reference, and a survey study of the candidate's own library.

During their two days' stay in Indianapolis, the librarians were conducted through the Indiana State Library and the services and resources of the library were explained.

Results of the examination had not been announced when this issue of the *Library Occurrent* went to press. Librarians in the group were: Bertha Boone, Ladoga; Velma Bright, Akron; Mima H. Collier, Mitchell; Mrs. J. W. East, Richmond; Ruth Edging, Camden; Ruby Letsinger, Jasonville; Patricia McNutt, Kokomo; Elizabeth May, Cannelton; Edith Ann Miller, Linden; Grace Murphy, Monticello; Helen E. Spears, South Bend; Mrs. Anthony Zehner, Monterey; Ruth B. Bourne, Spencer; Hazel Wasmuth, Andrews; Mrs. Beryl Alexander, Warren.

TRUSTEE CITATION

The I.L.A. Committee on Trustee Citation is asking that names of trustees eligible for the annual state trustee citation be submitted not later than October 1. Candidates must be trustees in actual service in an Indiana library during at least part of the year preceding the time at which the award is made. Recommendations may be sent to any member of the committee, which includes Margaret Hager, LaPorte; Lucile Sheppard, Lebanon; and Lois Ringo, Anderson, chairman.

A. L. A. SUSPENDS PLACEMENT SERVICE

The American Library Association Executive Board took emergency action at its meeting in Atlantic City on June 19 to discontinue the A.L.A. Placement Office in its present form as of September 1, 1948. This action was necessitated by a financial situation which in the best judgment of the Board could be met only by the elimination of several staff positions in the Headquarters office. The Board was convinced that the Placement Office was the obvious place for curtailment in view of present employment conditions, but it regarded this action as temporary and experimental. Restoration of this service will be anticipated when conditions are more favorable.

In the meantime plans are being considered for a reduced form of employment service which might be carried on with benefit to members of the Association. Such service would necessarily be impersonal in character, designed to bring together the names of applicants and institutions seeking persons for consideration. It is the hope of the Board that library schools and state agencies will give special consideration to the strengthening of their placement services.

STATE LIBRARY LOANS PHOTOSTAT DOCUMENTS

The Indiana State Library announces that photostat copies of sixteen Indiana historical documents are available on loan to libraries in the state. Although these photostats were made for exhibit purposes in connection with the Freedom Train, they are appropriate for use at any time as a feature of exhibits of local history materials. They have been displayed during the summer in libraries in Indiana cities where the Freedom Train has stopped. All of the documents are a part of the Indiana State Library's collection. Libraries interested in borrowing these reproductions may write to the State Library for further information.

INDIANA DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AT THE STATE LIBRARY

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Compiled by Vera Grey Anderson, Catalog Division, State Library

Items starred (*) are distributed by the State Library. Items not starred are often available at the office of issue. Offices are located in Indianapolis unless otherwise indicated. Dagger (†) indicates non-current publications.

ACCOUNTS, STATE BOARD OF.

The Examiner, v.7, nos. 5, 6, May, June, 1948. 2 nos. Processed.

Statistical Department. *Roster of state and local officials, 1948. 75p.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING COUNCIL.

†Heating, ventilating and air conditioning rules and regulations, minimum requirements, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly approved March 3, 1923, amended and approved March 14, 1935 . . . March 10, 1943 . . . February 26, 1945, . . . v.4, 1945. 63p.

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION.

Indiana aero-notes, v.1, nos. 7-9, May-July, 1948. 3 nos. Processed.

Indiana laws governing aeronautics, 1947. 50p.

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AUDITOR.

Motor Fuel Tax Division. Licensed and bonded motor fuel dealers. Licensed exclusive industrial users of naphthas and solvents. Licensed users of fuels other than those taxed by the motor fuel tax law. Licensed fuel dealers. Licensed aviation fuel dealers. January 31, 1948. 30p.

BARBER EXAMINERS, BOARD OF.

Examination, 1948 (G, H, J) [5p.] Processed.

COMMERCE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF.

Available industrial space in Indiana. Issued June 1, 1948. 4p. Processed.

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CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF.

Fish and Game, Division of. Indiana Pittman-Robertson wildlife research report, v.8, no. 4, January, 1948; v.9, no. 1, April, 1948. 2 nos. Processed.

Forestry, Division of. Excerpts from field foresters' letters to the state forester about lumbermen and foresters relationships. [1946] 9p. Processed.

Geology, Division of, Bloomington. Directory series no. 1, March, 1948. Directory of producers of mineral raw materials, exclusive of oil and gas, in Indiana, by Eugene Calaghan and Jean Ecker. 88p.

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State Parks, Lands and Waters, Division of. Horseback riding in Indiana state parks. 1948. folder (4p.)

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Water Resources, Division of. Bulletin no. 3, 1948. Ground-water resources of St. Joseph county, Indiana. Part 1. South Bend area. Prepared in cooperation with U. S. Geological Survey. 177p. Processed.

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BOARD.

Indiana employment security act (effective April 1, 1947) with rules and regulations of the Indiana Employment Security Board (effective April 1, 1948). 194p. [Press release] May 24, June 23, July 22, 27, 1948. Survey made in cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, per cent of change in employment and payrolls in Indiana. 4 nos. Processed.

12th annual report . . . for the year ending December 31, 1947. 76p.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF.

Small loan act of 1917 with amendments of sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of Small loan act as passed by the 1933 Legislature. [1948] 16p. Small loan licenses. [Directory] May 1, 1948. 23p. Processed.

FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION.

Chart of procedure. Conservancy act of Indiana showing organization and administration of conservancy districts. Jan. 1, 1948. 34 x 21 in.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC—INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF.

General orders, series 1947-1948, no. 2, April 12, 1948. [4p.]

Journal of sixty-eighth annual encampment . . . held at Elkhart, Indiana, June 20-23, 1947. 39p.

HEALTH, STATE BOARD OF.

Food for the tuberculosis patient. Suggested

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- Monthly bulletin, v. 51, nos. 4-6, April-June, 1948. 3 nos.
- Sanitary Engineering, Bureau of. Sewage gas, a publication for sewage treatment plant operators, v. 11, no. 1, Spring, 1948. 30p. Processed.*
- HIGHWAY COMMISSION.**
- †Amount of money provided by .01 cent additional gas tax [to each county and to state] . . . Money allocated to counties from Motor vehicle highway account, acts of 1945. [1946] 5p.
- Detour bulletin, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 4, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 1948. 13 nos. Processed.
- 1948 Indiana official highway map. 31½ x 22 in.
- Release, April 27, June 3, 9, July 8, 1948. 4 nos. Processed.
- HISTORICAL BUREAU.**
- Hoosier folklore, v. 7, no. 2, June, 1948. p. 33-64.
- Indiana history bulletin, v. 25, nos. 4-6, April-June, 1948. 3 nos.
- Our state heritage. Herewith are some of the fundamental documents of Indiana. Prepared . . . for the visit of the Freedom Train, 1948. 15p. Cover-title: Extension of American freedom in Indiana.
- INDIANA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.**
- Spring meeting, May 14 and 15, 1948 at the Shades State Park, Waveland, Indiana. [Announcement] [3p.]
- INDIANA BOYS' SCHOOL, Plainfield.**
- Charlton highlights, v. 3, no. 3, May 10, 1948. [9p.] Processed.
- Indiana boys' school herald, v.48, nos. 4 to 6, nos. 4 to 6 (i.e. nos 7-9?) June 5, July 10, 1948. 2 nos.
- INDIANA ECONOMIC COUNCIL.**
- News bulletin, nos. 39-41, April-June, 1948. 3 nos. Processed.
- INDIANA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**
- Hoosier horticulture, v.30, nos. 3-7, March-July, 1948. 5 nos. Ben B. Sproat, Lafayette, Indiana, Secretary.
- †Transactions . . . at its fourth annual meeting, held at Indianapolis, January 3, 4 and 5, 1865. 70p.
- INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.**
- *101st annual report, 1946/47. 63p.
- INDIANA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CHILDREN'S HOME, Knightstown.**
- The Home journal, v.60, nos. 9-10, 10-11, 12, May 20, June 10, July 8, 1948. 3 nos.
- *69th annual report, 1946/47. 35 [18] p.
- INDIANA STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.**
- The Hoosier, v.60, nos. 4, 5, 7, 8, January, February, April, May, 1948. 4 nos.
- INDIANA WOMAN'S PRISON.**
- *75th annual report, 1946/47. 28p.
- INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.**
- *27th annual report, 1946/47. 256p.
- INTERSTATE COOPERATION, COMMISSION ON.**
- Report, 1947. 24p.
- JUDICIAL COUNCIL.**
- †1946 report. 22p.
- Proposed revision—Rules of Supreme Court. Recommended by Indiana Judicial Council. [1948]. 19p. Processed.
- LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMISSION.**
- †Report with reference to the reconstruction, repair and equipment of legislative chambers, rooms and appurtenances in the State Capitol building, Indianapolis, Indiana. [1946] 9p.
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- Official rules and regulations concerning the certification and appointment of librarians in public libraries in Indiana adopted May, 1948. 14p. (Publication no. 1 revised.) Processed.
- MOTOR VEHICLES, BUREAU OF.**
- 1949 passenger, truck and trailer allotment [license plates] 4p. Processed.
- NURSES, STATE BOARD OF EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF.**
- Exhibits. [Three graphs comparing grades made on state board examinations] [1948] [6p.] Processed.
- PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, DIVISION OF.**
- Specifications. State contract for office supplies and rubber stamps. July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949. 21p. Processed.
- PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, DEPARTMENT OF.**
- Reference books and magazines for Indiana departments of vocational agriculture. Revised June, 1947. 6p. Processed.
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- Vocational Rehabilitation and Education, Division of.* Institutional on-farm training. [Standards, rules and regulations, skills to be developed, etc.] [1948] [15p.] Processed.
- [Letter pertaining to institutional on-farm training for veterans] May 24, 1948. [5p.] Processed.
- PUBLIC WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF.**
- List of DPW bulletins current as of July 1, 1948. 7, 8, 2 p. Processed.

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Subject index and Digest DPW bulletins. July 1, 1948. 42, [45] p. Processed.

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*Library current, v.16, no. 2, June, 1948. p. 33-64.

State-wide service for individuals and libraries. [1948] folder (6p.)

Extension Division. Study of total incomes, per capita incomes, total expenditures and percentages spent for books, salaries, and maintenance by population groups served. 1948. [3p.] Processed.

Loan Division. Interlibrary loan procedures involving the local Indiana libraries and the State Library. July, 1948. 2p. Processed.

STATE REVENUE, DEPARTMENT OF.

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SUPREME COURT.

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UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS—INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF.

General orders, series 1947-48, no. 5, April 20, 1948. [4p.]

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†Publication, no. 71, 1946. Campus offerings for in-service teachers, Autumn, 1946. [4p.]

†Publication, no. 73 [1946] Winter quarter schedule of classes, 1946/47. 14p.

†Publication, no. 74 [1946] Spring quarter schedule of classes, 1946/47. 13p.

†Publication, no. 75, 1946. Proceedings of the Institute on Guidance and Counseling, June 28, 29, July 1, 2, and 3, 1946. 35p.

Publication, no. 77, 1947. 1947 summer field study in art. folder (7p.)

Publication, no. 78, 1947. Field study in Mexico, second summer term, 1947. folder (6p.)

Publication, no. 79, 1947. Graduate study in teaching and administration, in guidance and counseling. Summer sessions, 1947. folder (6p.)

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NEWS NOTES FROM INDIANA LIBRARIES

Prepared by the Extension Division, Indiana State Library

MRS. FRANK MAYFIELD, librarian at the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn reported that florescent lighting has been installed in the main reading room and the office of the library building.

After 33 years of service KATIE DIFFENDERFER has resigned her position as librarian of the Covington Public Library. Miss Diffenderfer, who observed her 90th birthday on July 7 of this year, has been librarian since December, 1914, when the Covington Library was erected. MRS. C. C. FENTERS has been appointed librarian.

An anonymous gift of \$1,750 has been given to the Elkhart Public Library toward the purchase of a new bookmobile, according to an announcement made by HARRIET CARTER, librarian.

ANN PAGE retired from the Evansville Public Library staff July 1 after 26 years of service. ELIZABETH JORDAN, acting librarian, Washington branch, will take Miss Page's place as children's librarian, East branch. ADRIENNE TIRMENSTEIN, a graduate of the Library School, George Peabody College for Women, Nashville, Tennessee, became branch librarian of Washington school branch on August 8.

PATRICK MURRAY has been appointed to the reference department of the Fort Wayne-Allen County Public Library. Mr. Murray, who was with Allen County Extension Department prior to his army service, received his A.B. degree from Indiana University in 1947 and his B.S. in L.S. from Western Reserve University in 1948.

Two new staff members in the Glen Park Branch of the Gary Public Library are KATHRYN SEGE of Akron, Ohio, head librarian, and MRS. PATRICIA WALKER WARD-RIP, branch assistant.

HAZEL WISHARD, Greenwood public librarian, reports that new shelving is being installed and furnishings rearranged in the library.

Staff changes at the Indianapolis Public Library include: the appointment of PAULINE FRENCH, librarian Madison Avenue branch, to organize and head up the work of adult education; the transfer of MARGARET SWEENEY from senior librarian to first librarian, Holladay Memorial Branch for Young People, and of CATHERINE SULLIVAN from senior librarian to acting head, Madison Avenue branch; the resignations of MRS. NELLIE EVANS as junior librarian, Schools Division, and JOANNE SCHIFFLIN, as senior librarian in hospital extension. KATHERINE MOONEY has been appointed assistant in the Technical Department. Miss Mooney, whose home is in Roann, Indiana, is a graduate of Indiana University and received her B.L.S. from the University of Kentucky in 1948. ETHEL CLELAND retired July 1 as head of the Business branch. Miss Cleland organized the branch in 1917 and during her years of service became nationally known as an outstanding librarian in the business field.

MARGARET DONNELL, formerly first assistant, has been appointed chief of the Reference Division of the Indiana State Library to replace HAROLD J. SANDER who resigned September 1 to become head of the Business branch, Indianapolis Public Library. Mr. Sander served as chief of the Reference Division from 1942 to 1943 and resumed his position in 1945 when he returned from service in the U. S. Army. During July and August of this year he was acting director of the State Library while Harold F. Brigham, director, was on leave of absence as interim executive secretary of the American Library Association.

ELSIE GLASGOW, assistant, Extension Division, has accepted a position with the Lucas County, Ohio, Library system, Maumee, Ohio.

Other State Library staff members who have resigned are MRS. ELIZABETH BEVING-

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TON, Acquisitions librarian, MRS. IMMOCENE BROWN, assistant in the Genealogy Division and MRS BETTE MYERS KETTLEHUT, Loan Division assistant. MRS. DORIS GOODPASTURE FLORA, a former resident of Anderson, came to the Catalog Department August 1 to be in charge of the acquisition and cataloging of federal documents. Mrs. Flora was graduated from Ball State Teachers College and from the University of Illinois Library School in 1948. MRS. LOIS BURTON has returned to the Catalog Department after a six months' absence. MRS. DOROTHY HAMILTON SANDERS of Indianapolis is a new assistant in the Loan Division. Mrs. Sanders holds degrees from Spellman College, Atlanta, Georgia and Western Reserve Library School, Cleveland, Ohio.

Several members of the State Library staff have recently been honored by professional organizations. NELLIE COATS was elected president of the Hoosier Folklore Society for 1948-49. She had served last year as vice president. JOE HAMILTON became president of the Indiana Association of Workers for the Blind at its annual meeting in South Bend in July. VERA GREY ANDERSON is secretary of the Ohio Valley Regional Group of Catalogers for the coming year.

The resignation of ALICE D. STEVENS as head librarian of the Logansport Public Library was announced August 1. Miss Stevens was Logansport's second librarian and has held that position since 1907. She has been both president and treasurer of I.L.A. MARY HOLMES, assistant librarian, succeeds her as librarian.

Summer branches of the Mishawaka Public Library have been opened at Beiger and LaSalle schools according to H. O. SPENCER, librarian, in order to make books and library service more readily available to both children and adults living in these areas.

MRS. MIMA H. COLLIER, librarian of Mitchell Public Library, writes, "We are getting a new look down here and we are

clean too. The library seems much more cheerful and bright after redecorating."

The new librarian at Peru is HELEN N. MCPHAIL, who comes to Indiana from Ashland, Ohio Public Library. Miss McPhail succeeds MRS. ALICE C. BABER, resigned.

SYLVA ARBOGAST has resigned as librarian of the Portland-Jay County library. The Portland library building is being remodeled to accommodate the extension of service to the county.

A storage room on the ground floor of the Morrisson-Reeves Public Library, Richmond, has been converted into a children's room, with new furniture and fixtures, gay curtains, modern lighting, plus shelves of books of special interest to young readers. Accumulated income from money left by Mrs. Mark Reeves made the new room possible.

Plans have been made and some work done on the children's room in the Rochester-Fulton County Library.

According to KATHERINE FRAZEE, Seymour Public Library now boasts of a reading nook with floor lamps, easy chairs and a divan for the teen age group. The Tri Kappa Sorority is cooperating with the library to extend library service to the Jackson County Hospital. The sorority members are taking the responsibility of caring for the books and getting them to the patients.

The South Bend Public Library has three new staff members. ROSEMARY MACKINAW replaces MARIETTA METCALF at the LaSalle branch. Miss Mackinaw completed 25 hours of library science at Indiana University in August. FRANCES HINTON, a graduate of North Carolina University Library School and librarian at Valdosta, Georgia, is in charge of work with teen age boys and girls in the Adult Department. MRS. LUCRETIA MCCLURE is a new assistant in the Circulation Department.

OLIVE WEAVER, librarian of the Tipton County Library for the past three years, has resigned. MRS. PAUL RICHMAN will serve until a new librarian is appointed.

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MIRIAM NETTER, librarian of the Warsaw Public Library since 1915, has resigned. Miss Netter helped to plan the present library building in 1917. She has been secretary of the Indiana Library Association and has been active on state and national committees. On leave of absence from the Warsaw library she served three months under the Indiana Library Commission a number of years ago. MRS. MARY BROWN will be acting librarian.

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MRS. JOSEPHINE WALLING, librarian of the Penn Township Public Library at Pennville, died in April.

BOOKLIST SUPPLEMENT COVERS GREAT ISSUES

The A.L.A. has launched its Great Issues Program with a special supplement to the August number of the *A.L.A. Booklist* devoted to lists of books, pamphlets, and films on each of the five issues selected for national promotion.

These bibliographies have been compiled by a group of large libraries and assembled here in convenient form to facilitate their use. The issues are How Much World Government? Inflation and Deflation, Labor-Management Relations, Civil Rights, and U.S.-Russian Relations. They were chosen by vote of 200 outstanding national leaders in various fields as the most vital problems of our times. Compilers of the lists include the public libraries of Cleveland, Seattle, Newark, New York City, and the New Jersey State Library.

An "Outline for Action" accompanies the lists and gives suggestions of community activities and promotional ideas for the guidance of local libraries in stimulating community interest in reading and discussing the Great Issues. E. W. McDairmid, A.L.A. president, has written a short preface emphasizing the importance of this campaign for a better informed America.

The A.L.A. hopes that every librarian will assume his share in this national undertaking to bring information about America's vital issues to the attention of every citizen. This program is the first step in the implementation of the Association's Four Year Goals. Its object—in the words of President McDairmid, "a citizenry which understands the crucial problems it faces today"—can only be realized through the united efforts of the entire library profession.

Attention is called to display and exhibit material on the Great Issues published by the Sturgis Printing Company. This firm offers for sale special display posters for each issue and printed folders containing the books of each list with the purchasing library's name on the folder. Inquiries regarding this material may be addressed to the Sturgis Printing Company, Sturgis, Michigan.

Single copies of the *Booklist* supplement are available from the *Booklist* office.

WELLS, CORY TO SPEAK

As the *Library Occurrent* goes to press, word has been received that Herman B Wells, president, Indiana University, has accepted an invitation to address the I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. Conference at its dinner meeting, Thursday, October 28. President Wells will speak on the subject, "Our Cultural Stake in Germany." John M. Cory, newly appointed executive secretary of the American Library Association, will also attend the conference and will appear on the program.

SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE

Edited by Ruth McLaughlin, Librarian, Lebanon High School, and P. Max Gabbert, Librarian, Crawfordsville High School

A PARENT VIEWS A SCHOOL LIBRARY

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Every alert teacher has asked the question "Why can we not have a library for our children to use?" and it seems that the administrators too often ask, "Why do we need a library with its necessary expense?" The parent? Well, all too frequently the parent does not take the trouble to ask or even know if or how the library functions. Many schools have a few shelves of books which are designated as the library, but can books alone make a library? Does anyone expect pupil instructors to direct the athletic activities? In many instances, however, various pupils take care of the mechanics of library operation under teacher guidance. A well organized library manned by a qualified librarian is important to the elementary school which intends to educate children for good citizenship.

Library a Tool of Democracy

The library has a distinctive place in education for participation in a democratic government. Wherever people have freedom of choice in thinking, their obligation for continuous learning assumes importance. The public library is the free institution which furnishes quantities of varied material necessary to the informed and developing mind. Children *taught* to use the library today will be citizens who can meet the problems of tomorrow more adequately. A library is not a fad or embellishment. It is an integral part of education for democracy. How are children being prepared to use it?

Children will learn to love books by coming into contact with beautiful, worthwhile books as soon as they commence their schooling. A librarian with enthusiasm and character can expand that love through scheduled story hours which will introduce the delights of more and more books. Children should be allowed visits to the library in small groups—very special occasions when the librarian introduces the enchanting illustrations and characters. If dolls representing book people can be displayed, memories of the books will live longer. Several books might be handled and one chosen by each pupil for borrowing. Simple instructions as to its care can be given. Thus a career of library dependence is started and a new world begins to open.

Reading Increases Vocabulary

Reading ability today is conditioned by the number of words memorized. Supplementary reading is a necessity in expanding vocabulary experience from the very first week in school. Even the busiest mother can listen to Johnny read aloud and occasionally help with a new word. Both the mother and child profit from the library book, as mutual understanding is established. A shared experience is a deeper experience.

Books as Information Sources

As children grow older they need to learn to *use* books skillfully in searching for information. Teachers often make assign-

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ments about topics not treated in the textbooks. If there is no library with information, is it giving all children an equal chance when they must depend upon their parents for such facts? When reference books and encyclopedias become familiar, answering questions is not a burden, but a game.

Teaching Use of Library Important

An explanation of the catalog and the classification system of books at this time can also prevent much confusion. Since most organized libraries are basically alike, the use of the catalog should be taught just as are multiplication tables and not left to chance absorption. A child who learns to use a well organized school library will never feel timid or lost in a public library. He can make the transition with confidence and help himself intelligently. Attention to each individual's needs is out of the question in a public library when a flock of children needing assistance descends upon the already busy librarian at the close of the school day.

Hands and feet of children are energetic but what they do depends upon the channel into which they are directed. If answers to the questions "What can we make?" "What games can we play?" are forthcoming in the library there will be busy boys and girls and fewer discipline problems at school and at home. Projects will take on the halo of creative pleasure rather than duty if activity books suggest interesting objects to make or experiments to try. Recreation cannot be slighted in these days when delinquency haunts every parent. A clever librarian can frequently use these activity books as a lever to stimulate interest that cannot be aroused by literary book reports.

Literature a Pleasure

Do we want our children to think of libraries as only a source of information? What can be done to make good literature a pleasure? If small groups could meet to discuss books of various types with the

librarian as a leader rather than a judge, might an eagerness toward reading develop? So many times book reports are given without freedom of discussion and the exchange of opinions. The Socratic method might be found to be effective in stimulating thought even among children.

A very modern primary teacher has told me that her beginners were interested in stories with "a moral." They like to discuss the applications to their experience. Children who have learned to see different facets to a problem through discussion will be more ready and able to think out solutions to problems they must meet when they become responsible for decisions. They will have developed a mode of thought.

Need for Balanced Reading

How can reading be brought into balance? Request after request for horse and dog stories give evidence that guidance is sorely needed. When will some alert librarian invent a game that will lure young readers to explore the many exciting fields of science, history, art and biography? Let us hope for the birth of an idea that will give even comic books competition.

The making of books through the ages if introduced might serve to heighten the appreciation of modern books and to create a sensitivity to quality. This judgment of quality can be evidenced if several editions of the same book are made available. Now that so many cheap editions of classics are being marketed, the librarian must resist the temptation to place budget stretching before quality consideration. Whether or not the format of a book is beautiful may influence the reader's liking of the content.

Reading Guidance in Library

For the unusual child the library can offer exceptional aid. Remedial reading can be found for the slow child and a wealth of enrichment material for the precocious. The librarian can become acquainted with the needs of each individual through the teach-

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ers and achievement test records and can provide appropriate reading matter.

A bulletin board for current events can be attractive and informative if the well illustrated material now available is used. Children who cooperate in furnishing the replenishments may become interested in present happenings and transfer this interest into adult life.

How about a revolving collection of prints and records? Might appreciation of great art and music be encouraged through acquainting the juvenile population with choice works? If every schoolroom could have different pictures and records of classical music each week or two, in the course of eight years a child would become familiar with many of civilization's treasures. We bemoan the lack of aesthetic judgment of our young people, but what are we doing to prevent its continuance?

Visual Aids in the Library

With visual education entering the elementary curriculum the library is able to offer appropriate supplementary material with each radio or film program. Preparation before and increased eagerness to know more afterward gives more meaning to any picture lesson. For example *Heidi* was shown at our school. After four years of patient waiting I saw my son take the book from its shelf and devour it with enthusiasm. Some of the "super" radio programs were ignored for the time.

The school library can make a unique contribution to the education of every child. The pupil-teacher relationship exists largely because the library is a vital part of the school organism. It provides an intimacy, a pride, a sense of possession that is of great importance to the child. The library and the librarian are an integrated part of the learning pattern.

Qualities of a School Librarian

The school librarian who can cope with these many situations, plus innumerable others, and still remain apparently unhurried, and interested in every individual,

needs depth and breadth of character. She must love children, books and knowledge; she must have infinite patience, a sense of humor, and above all an imagination. Her training in library techniques is necessary, but secondary to her character. When the requirements for her education are planned may the courses in methods not take so much of her time that more meaningful subjects pertaining to living must be practically eliminated as they have been in the preparation of teachers today. Librarians or teachers whose education is saturated with methods have little inspiration to offer our children.

Children who have been taught to use a library will as adults have insurance against boredom and will have old age mental security. They will be equipped to be informed, to find satisfaction for themselves, and leisure time will not be a problem but a pleasure. Education does not end with formal schooling. This is basic to significant citizenship in a democracy and to a meaningful life. Thinking citizens are significant citizens!

I. S. L. A. EDITOR CHOSEN

Mrs. Ruth Hughes Scott, librarian, Horace Mann School, Gary, has been appointed publicity chairman of the Indiana School Librarians Association for 1948-49. She will act as editor of the School Library Service section of the *Library Occurrent*, beginning with the December, 1948 issue. Her committee will also be in charge of the publication of the Association's newsletter.

HISTORY OF INDIANA MEDICINE

The Indiana State Medical Association has announced the publication of *One Hundred Years of Indiana Medicine*, which will be available in limited edition upon advanced order only. The book will be published in September, 1949 and will sell for \$2.20. Orders may be placed with Dr. Charles N. Combs, 1021 Hume Mansur Building, Indianapolis 4, Indiana.

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